GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services — Disciplinary action against Sri M. Sundara Rao, Forest Beat Officer(Retd.) – Article of Charge issued Under rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules 1991 – Staff Member expired on 11.05.2013– Further action abated – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.75 Dated:28-07-2015.
Read the following:

From the PCCF, Lr. Ref. No. 15884/03/A&DC-2, dt. 27.04.2016

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ORDER:

In the reference read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Hyderabad informed that Article of Charge was issued by Divisional Forest Officer, Eluru against Sri M.Sundara Rao, Forest Beat Officer vide DFO, Eluru Rc. No. 4946/2005/S1, dt. 16.08.2006 on the following count:-

> Article-I:"That the said Sri M.Sundara Rao, Forest Beat Officer, while working as Forest Beat Officer of Kothrupalli Beat in Kothrupalli section of Polavaram range during the period of 1998-2000, grossly neglected his duty resulting large -scale destruction of teak and Non-trees in Forest area under his jurisdiction. Apart from his failure in preventing the destruction, tried to suppress the figures and remove the evidence of destruction and attempted to shirk the responsibility on others"

2. The Charged Officer acknowledged Article of Charge on 21.08.2006 but did not submit any explanation.

3. Government vide G.M.No.4558/For.IV/2003-1, dated 28.07.2003, while enclosing the V&E report no.82 dated 07.06.2003 instructed the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, to examine the matter in detail and frame specific charges against the responsible officers involved in the irregular destruction of forests in Eluru Division during the year 1998-2000 and conduct common enquiry for major penalty by entrusting the case to Commissioner of Inquiries.

4. The Government entrusted the case to Commissioner of Inquiries involving the (22) officers vide G.O.Rt.No.436 EFS&T For.1V dt:24-8-2007. Further, orders were issued changing the Commissioner of Inquiries and Sri S.A. Huda, IPS, has been appointed as Commissioner of Inquiries vide G.O. Rt. No. 191, EFS&T Dept., dt. 22.7.2015.

5. Meanwhile, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, vide ref. read above informed that, the Charged Officer Sri M.Sundara Rao, FBO(Retired), expired on 11.05.2013.

6. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has requested the Government to abate further disciplinary proceedings against (Late) Sri M.Sundara Rao, Forest Beat Officer(Expired).

7. The matter has been examined by the Government in the light of the sub-rule (7) (a) of rule 9 of the A. P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 as mentioned in G.O.Ms.No.85, Fin & Plg. (FW.Pen-I) Dept., dt:12.7.1999 and under the provisions of G.O.Ms.No.995 Finance (Pen.I) Dept dt:21.12.2002.

8. After careful examination of the matter, Government here by order for abatement of further disciplinary action against the deceased Government servant Sri M. Sundara Rao, FBO(Retd.& Expired) in this case.

9. The Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Hyderabad is directed to take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr. P.V. RAMESH
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Hyderabad.
Legal heirs of late Sri M. Sundara Rao, Forest Beat Officer, (Expired)
(through Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests.)

Copy to
The Accountant General, A.P. Hyderabad.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, A.P., Hyderabad.
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SECTION OFFICER